at a price lower than that in East Godavari district. This was the position for some time immediately after decontrol. Even these exports have now stopped.

Certain stocks of rice imported from Orissa were temporarily stored in Visakhapatnam district on Government account. These stocks were intended for supply to all the deficit districts, in the State, including Visakhapatnam. A portion of these imported stocks was exported to meet the urgent requirements of other needy deficit districts.

In view of the above, the question of taking steps to prevent exports of foodgrains from Visakhapatnam district does not arise.''

SRI K. GOVINDA RAO :—'' ఈ సంవత్సరం వర్షాభావంవల్ల పంటలు పాడైపోయిన విశాఖ జిల్లానుంచి, ఆహారధాన్యాలు ఇతర ప్రాంతాలకు ఎగుమతి అయినట్లయితే ధరలు విపరీతంగా పెరిగిపోయి ప్రజలు నానా ఇబ్బందుల పాలుగావలసి వస్తుంది. కరువు పరిస్థితులు ఏర్పడుతాయి. రేపు మళ్లీ కొత్తపంట రాబోతున్నది. తిరిగి ఏ తూర్పు గోదావరినుండో వర్తకులు వచ్చి తీసుకుపోయే ప్రమాదమున్నది. కాబట్టి యిప్పటికైనా తరుగు జిల్లాయైన విశాఖ జిల్లానుండి ధాన్యం ఎగుమతి కాకుండా జిల్లా సరిహద్దులలో కాపలాను ఏర్పాటు చేయిస్తారా?''

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—'' I have not been able to follow the long speech.''

Filariasis in Cannanore and Baliapatam towns.

* 191 *Q.*—SRI K. P. GOPALAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state what steps the Government have taken to check filariasis in Cannanore and Baliapatam towns in North Malabar?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—'' Since 1950 the Municipal Council, Cannanore, is working a control scheme estimated to cost Rs. 7,000 per annum with the aid of a one-third grant from State funds. The Government are considering in connexion with the Annual Estimate of Expenditure for 1953–54 a control scheme for Baliapatam Panchayat at a cost of Rs. 2,800 per annum, for a one-third grant from State funds.''

SRI V. R. KRISHNA AYYAR :—'' Sir, are the Government aware that the panchayats and municipalities have difficulties in expanding their staff, as the permission of the Inspector of Local Boards and also that of the Director of Public Health are required, and it takes an inordinately long time to get such permissions, and the budget allotment lapses on account of non-expenditure? Would the Government, therefore, devise a quicker process to enable these local bodies to spend larger sums for increasing their staff and thereby effectively carry out the anti-filarial campaign? ''

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—'' Sir, the finances of the local bodies have to be examined by the Inspector of Local Boards.''

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Dr. K. B. MENON :—" Sir, since filaria is also prevalent in South Malabar which is nearby, will the Government take preventive measures there as well? "

The Hon. Sri A. B. SHETTY :—" The Government are considering a number of anti-filariasis schemes in connexion with the next Budget."

Sri K. P. GOPALAN :—" Sir, may I know what is the percentage of incidence of filaria in Cannanore and Baliapatnam? "

The Hon. Sri A. B. SHETTY :—" Notice, please."

Promotions to Senior Telugu Pandits in secondary schools.

* 192 *Q*.—Sri K. GOVINDA RAO: Will the Hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that a Government Order has been passed to the effect that Senior Telugu Pandits (in secondary schools) holding Oriental Titles should pass the S.S.L.C. Examination in order that they may be promoted from the Lower Grade into Grade I; and

(*b*) if so, for what reason?

The Hon. Dr. M. V. KRISHNA RAO :—" (*a*) Yes. These qualifications were prescribed in 1948 and they apply to Pandits in all languages.

" (*b*) The Government consider that without the prescribed minimum educational qualification it will not be possible for the Pandits to handle high school classes."

Sri K. GOVINDA RAO :—" తెలుగు సీనియర్ పండితులలో చాలామంది వయోవృద్ధులనే విషయం మంత్రిగారికి తెలియనిది కాదు. కాబట్టి అట్టివారు S.S.L.C. Examination pass కావాలనే నిబంధన లేకుండా ప్రత్యేకంగా ఏర్పాట్లు చేస్తారా ? "

The Hon. Dr. M. V. KRISHNA RAO :—" Sir, as a matter of fact, Pandits with over fifteen years experience on the date of the promulgation of this Government Order were given the First Grade without passing the S.S.L.C. examination. It is only the subsequent entrants that are affected."

Sri D. SEETHARAMIAH :—" అధ్యక్షా ఈ తెలుగు పండితులు తెలుగు కాక ఇంగ్లీషు హిస్టరీ మొదలైన ఇతర విషయాలు కూడా విద్యార్థులకు బోధించ వలసి ఉన్నదా? లేనిచో తెలుగు పాఠాలను బోధించుటకు ఓరియంటల్ టైటిల్సు Oriental Titles చాలవా? S.S.L.C. పరీక్ష అంత అవసరమా ? అని అడుగుచున్నాను."

The Hon. Dr. M. V. KRISHNA RAO :—" Sir, it is considered necessary to-day that even the language Pandits should have some general knowledge."